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SUBJECT: AMIN' S PRESS CONFERENCE ON HIS RETURN FROM ADDIS

SUMMARY. GENERAL AMIN RETURNED FROM OAU SESSIONS IN ADDIS ON MAY 30. AT ARRIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE HE DISPLAYED AGREEMENT HE HAD SIGNED WITH NYERERE, AND DISCLOSED HE WILL PAY OBOTE A PENSION AND URGE HE BE GIVEN A JOB WITH EAC IN TANZANIA. PRESIDENT HAILED OAU MEETINGS AS GREAT DISPLAY OF AFRICAN UNITY CONTRARY TO PLAYING UP OF DISUNITY IN "IMPERIALIST" PRESS. GENERAL CHARGED THAT ANTI-GOU ORGANIZATION FRONASA IS FINANCED BY BRITISH AND AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE, PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA. HE ALSO ACCUSED CIA OF FINANCING CHURCHES IN UGANDA. END SUMMARY.

1. AMIN DECLARED AFRICA IS MORE UNITED TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE AS RESULT ACHIEVEMENTS AT ADDIS. AS ONE OF ACHIEVEMENTS HE LISTED DECISION THAT AFRICA WILL SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE ON ECONOMIC FRONT. CONFERENCE PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR UGANDA TO STRENGTHEN ITS RELATIONS WITH ALL OTHER INDEPENDENT

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AFRICAN COUNTRIES. AT ADDIS HE MET PERSONALLY WITH 35 HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, HE SAID. ALL SUPPORTED HIM, INCLUDING SOME WHO HAD NOT BEEN ESPECIALLY FRIENDLY BEFORE.

2. AMIN SAID HE HAD ALSO MET WITH LEADERS OF NUMBER OF AFRICAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS' ORGANIZATIONS (WHICH WAS WHY HIS RETURN HAD BEEN DELAYED A DAY). GENERAL PRAISED SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TWICE FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO THESE MOVEMENTS.

3. ALTHOUGH IMPERIALIST PRESS GAVE A CONTRARY IMPRESSION BY OVERPLAYING ETHIOPIA- SOMALIA DISPUTE, GENERAL SAID CONFERENCE WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS AND DEMONSTRATED UNITY OF CONTINENT. ONE OF ACHIEVEMENTS WAS CALL TO ALL AFRICAN LEADERS NOT TO HARBOR SUBVERSIVES AND NOT TO MAKE PROPAGANDA AGAINST OTHER AFRICAN STATES.

4. GENERAL WARNED UGANDAN PEOPLE THAT FRONASA GROUP IS FINANCED BY BRITISH INTELLIGENCE, AMERICAN CIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL. ITS HEADQUARTERS ARE IN LONDON, AND JOHN KAZZORA AND OTHER UGANDAN EXILES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH IT. BECAUSE OF OAU DECISION ABOUT SUBVERSIVES, AMIN SAID, FRONASA WILL NOT RECRIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM ANY MEMBER STATE.

5. GENERAL PRAISED SADAT' S PRESENTATION ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUE AND SAID ALL 41 OAU MEMBERS WOULD SUPPORT EGYPT WHEN ME ISSUE COMES UP BEFORE UNGA NEXT SEPTEMBER. ALSO PRAISED MOBUTU FOR HIS PRESENTATION ON WEST AFRICAN DROUGHT. GENERAL PAID HIGH TRIBUTE TO HAILE SELASSIE FOR HAVING MEDIATED BETWEEN HIMSELF AND NYERERE, AND ADDED THAT MOBUTU, OULD DADDAH AND OTHERS HAD ALSO ASSISTED (AT HIS OWN INSTIGATION).

6. AMIN DISPLAYED AGREEMENT HE HAD SIGNED WITH NYERERE, DECLARED THAT OBOTE WOULD RECEIVE A PENSION AS EX- PRESIDENT, WOULD RECEIVE THE OAU TENTH ANNIVERSARY DECORATION (AT AMIN' S SUGGESTION), AND GENERAL WOULD PROPOSE THAT HE BE GIVEN A JOB WITH EAC IN ARUSHA OR DAR, SINCE HE WAS ONE OF FOUNDERS OF EAC. HE SAID HE WILL SEND KENYATTA FULL REPORT ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH NYERERE, WITH COPY TO LATTER, AND HE EXPECTS EA AUTHORITY (OF THREE PRESIDENTS) WILL MEET SOON. EAC HAS BRIGHT FUTURE, HE SAID. HE PROMISED TO PAY COMPENSATION FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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TWO KENYANS WHO HAD BEEN KILLED DURING GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES IN UGANDA.

7. PRESIDENT SAID HE PLANNED MEET SHORTLY WITH MOBUTU, NYERERE AND KAYIBANDA FOR JOINT TALKS. MEETING IS TO BE ARRANGED BY MOTUTU.

8. AMIN SATED HE HAD LEARNED THAT CIA IS FINANCING CHURCHES IN UGANDA AND THIS MUST STOP. IN FACT, HE SAID, THERE SHOULD BE NO FINANCING FROM ABROAD OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES HERE. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF EACH UGANDAN GAVE ONLY THREE SHILLINGS THAT WOULD MAKE A FUND OF 30 MILLION SHILLINGS, PERMITTING TEN MILLION SHILLINGS EACH TO BE GIVEN TO CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS AND MUSLIMS. THEN CHURCH FUNDS FROM ABROAD WOULD NO LONGER BE NEEDED.
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